"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

There are quite a few bull sales coming up in the next several weeks. You'll want to select a bull that has good growth potential.

Beginning in 1972 at the fall feeder sales, minimum requirements have been established. I'm outlining these requirements that you can use as a guide for selecting a bull.

For Angus, Hereford and Short horn bulls: 205 day weight, 500 pounds; 365 day weight, 850 pounds; 24 month weight, 1350 pounds; mature weight, 1950 pounds Angus, 1600 pounds Hereford and Shorthorn.

After you buy a bull meeting this minimum standard, be sure to get him certified by us or Hugh Braford, Director Lynchburg Feeder Cattle Association.

Many Appomattox cattlemen have one or more bulls that have been certified. They are; Keith Harris, Evergreen; W. E. Bondurant, Jr., Concord; O. H. Tolley, Pamplin; Stuart Farrar, Pamplin; J. A. Martin, Gladstone; R. H. Gray, Pamplin; D. B. McCraw, Rt. 4, Appomattox; John L. Harrison, Rt. 4, Appomattox; Hugh Braford, Rt. 4, Appomattox; G. P. Jennings, Rt. 4, Appomattox; O. W. Martin, Jr., Rt. 4, Appomattox; J. C. Caldwell, Jr., Appomattox.

Purebred producers have come a long way in developing cattle that have good growth records. Select and use Growth Bulls in your herd.

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Last Saturday evening a former 4-H'er from the Pamplin area called to ask about organic gardening. It seems that her boss is planning to grow a garden this spring and as she put it he's "bugged" with the idea of using only organic materials.

It would seem that organic gardening would be a desirable way to grow a garden. In its ideal form, organic farming would eliminate the use to control disease of crops.

The situation isn't that simple. The residues which remain in the field after crops are harvested, have low fertilizer value. Therefore, you'll not meet the needs of the crop. Now, if you are fortunate enough to grow a garden in a deep rich soil there may be adequate nutrients for a couple of crops. But really you're doing little more than mining the soil. Organic fertilizers such as manure and sewage sludge are relatively low in fertilizer value.

Organic materials such as cottonseed meal and meal are sometimes used but they are expensive.

Over the long haul if we are to feed this Nation and export a third of our production, we'll need to continue to use chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

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PRECIPITATION:

Last week	0
Month of Feb.	4.60
Normal for month of Feb.	3.05
This month	0
This year	6.87
Normal for this year	5.86

BIRTHDAYS

	March
Walter Hanson	1
Rev. David L. Bailey	1
Vera Crump	3
Christine Dickerson	4
Fannie Terry	8
Maye Rye	8
Debbie Sue Harris	8
Debbie Roach	10
Louise Rosser	11
Stella Price	11
Olivia Isabel	12
Rachel Ranson	15
Bettie Ranson	16
Becky Jennings	17
Eugene Ratliff	17
Clara Powell	20
Alice Taylor	20
Annie Fore	21
Leslie Scruggs	21
Richard Ingo	21
Peggy Lewis	20
Johnny Roach	22
Audrey Almond	22
Lizzie Robinson	25
Diane Byrd Ingo	25
Cassie Baldwin	26
Ruth Eaton	26
E. M. Almond	27
Edward Burrell	27
Linda Lee Martin	28
Thomas Joy Martin	28
Clara Garrette	30
Steve Williams	30
Irene Garlinghouse	31
Virginia Elder	15
Brenda Nash	4

More than half of all cancer deaths last year were among persons over 65 says the American Cancer Society.

APRIL DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now being received for three $500 forestry scholarships, which are being made available by Virginia Forests, Inc. The scholarships will be awarded this spring to three students who are planning to enter the Department of Forestry and Wildlife at VPI as freshmen this fall.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from Virginia Forests, Inc., 301 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Va 23219. The deadline for submitting applications is April 10, 1971.

This close-up view of a portable feeding floor shows how it's been "buttoned-up" for winter. Note the truck-level dock for loading and unloading.

'How To's' In Hog Raising

by J. A. Smith

Who says you need to spend $45.00, per sag for a finishing floor? Most knowledgeable hogmen will tell you that you'll need a floor that will handle 300 to 400 head if you expect to get by for $45.00.

With sub 20 cent hogs there aren't many farmers who are willing to invest $16,000 in a floor and the equipment necessary to make a feeding floor go. Then there's still another $5,000 needed to invest in the first batch of pigs and there's a $2,000 feed bill to be reckoned with.

When all figures are compiled there are many small conservative Piedmont farmers who shutter and say "if it's going to cost this much, count me out."

Appomattox County isn't a large grain producing county, but every year there are farmers looking for a place to sell grain. Often times the market they settle for is less than the price established at a recognized grain market. The basis is too far and if it's corn, it's usually on the cob.

Raymond B. Archer, Spout Spring, Va., has 45 sows that farrow on a regular schedule. He with his son Casey, grow about 310 acres of crops. This is divided between 150 acres of corn and 160 acres of small grain. They rent 77 acres to make this 300 acre grain unit possible.

Three years ago Archer built a 16 x 16 foot portable finishing floor. It was large enough to accomodate 30 pigs. It was simple. It was low cost. It worked. This was the criteria Archer place on a swine structure if it was going to be functional on his farm.

It's important to keep pigs sized by weight for best performance. The welded wire affords a strong means of restraining hogs.

Archer explained it as follows, "I want my money invested in working capital like feed and pigs." That's what he's done -- kept capital investment low.

Last spring, three more units went up at a cost of $156.00 each. This represents cost of material only. Young Archer and his father used their labor to put them in place.

The last three were built over a lagoon that measures 120 x 8 feet and 9 feet deep. This hole was dug with a back-hoe for $60.00. This lagoon will handle a lot of manure. The pens are self-cleaning. Green oak slats are spaced 1 inch apart. After drying they will measure 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 inches apart. The pens are enclosed with 30 inch 2 x 4 welded wire. A 50-gallon barrel that's filled every two days is the water source.

Just because Archer has cut his finishing floor cost to $5.00 doesn't mean that he hasn't had his share of problems.

When pigs are put in close confinement stress factors will show up. One of the first that he experienced was tail-biting. He lost 15 pigs before beginning a program of docking. Pigs in the farrowing house get three treatments. Needle teeth are cut -- the navel cord is dipped and pigs are docked.

The feeding facility will permit Archer to feed 120 pigs at one time. These facilities are complimented with a $2,300 Helex Portable grinder - mixer that turns out 4500 pounds per mix. This is a job that's usually done three times a week. It takes a 50 HP motor at 1800 RPM to provide the power. Then there's a 4500 bushel grain bin and dryer. The bin has a raised floor, auger with motor and a double cap. This represents a $1,850 investment.

Pigs go the floor at 8 weeks of age. There's a 2.5 annual turnover, or 300 finished hogs a year. The remaining 400 pigs are sold from the farm or through the Farmville Feeder Pig Sale, of which Mr. Archer is a Director.

Archer warns that these units are real fine from spring to fall. But come winter you'd better be prepared to wrap them up. The floor is about 36 inches off the ground and the chill factor goes up rapidly if they aren't enclosed.

Plans for these units are available from the County Extension Office.

DIAL GOOD NEWS
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Here is how the feeding floor is situated over a l
Feed efficiency can be increased during the summer
units are located close to trees. The shades from t
helpful in lowering temperature in these feeding area

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Sergeant Bill Zorn
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or in this column.
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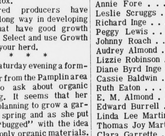

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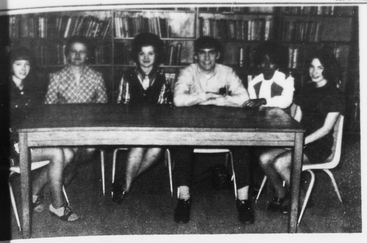

Woman President

a woman were put into office as pre- at what would your feelings be? Six pane- list recently answered this question and others teenage problems. The program for the Chapter Future Homemakers of America cluded Cindy Guill, the panel moderator, Mrs. Bolling Carter, the school guidance counselor, Mrs. Cynthia Megginson, Home Economics teacher, Hal Smith FFA president, Miss Stokes, Home Ec teacher, Mary Parris, FHA reporter, and Julia Chambers, a student at the Intermediate School.

Gunter Wins Trophy

Charlie Gunter, Jr., Distributive Education student at Appomattox County High School (left) with the DECA Club sponsor, Tom Elder, brought home a second-place trophy from last week's Distributive Education competition at E.C. Glass High School, Lynchburg. Charlie, a sophomore, football player and active in Future Farmers of America, has held several part-time jobs prior to enrolling in the DE instructional program at the school.

GIVEN PROMOTION

LYNCHBURG, Feb. 25--Leon- J. Layne, Assistant Vice ident and Manager of Fide- National Bank's Rustburg ce, has been promoted to President and Manager, rding to an announcement E. B. Harris, Jr., Fidelity sident, following a Board of ectors meeting Wed., Feb. in Lynchburg.

ther promotions announced Harris were: Calvin W. Bai- Loan Officer at Rustburg, to Assistant Vice President and Loan Officer, and Allan B. Coates, Brookville Branch, to Loan Officer.

ROCKS

March 1 -- It was quite a rainy day here last Monday.

A very large crowd attended the funeral of Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr. at Liberty Church on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Robert Roach went to Lynchburg Tuesday morning for a check up.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson called to see Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson awhile Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Allen of Fairfax were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar recently.

Friends are sorry to hear Mrs. W. M. Black is on the sick list. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Coleman of Baltimore Md. spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Roach were supper guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Mrs. Edward Ranson who is having eye trouble, is doing better.

The Rocks HD Club will meet Thursday night March 4th with Mrs. John Ranson at 7:30.

The Home Mission Week of Prayer is Mar. 7-14. Monday - at 7:30 - W.M.U, meets at Etta Inge's home. Wednesday at 7:30 - The Youth organizations will have devotions. Friday at 7:30 - W.M.U, meets at Louise Roach's home.

Friends are glad to know Mrs. Elbert Dinkins is back at her home from the hospital.

Mrs. Fred Wooldridge of near Evergreen is in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Ernest Foster and sister of near Darlington Heights were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. L. V. Morris, Evergreen, Va.

Sale Date is Saturday, April 3 starting at 11 a.m. Farm location: Follow Route 460 east from town of Appomattox approximately four miles, turn right on #633 and follow auction signs.

Stone churns, Aladdin lamps, old trunks, hand made dining table and other items are among the household goods offered. Angus bull, Angus and Holstein cows are included in the livestock.

MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Fleshmans Sunoco	44	25
Country Club	42	27
Best Furniture	39	30
Garmest Co.	35	34
W & W	35	34
500 Club	12	57

High Set, W. Haley, 392.
High Game, K Doss, 152.

MEN'S DOUBLE LEAGUE

G. Wood - W. Haley 37 26
F. Carter - J. Paulette 31 32
R. Tweedy - J. Wood 30 33
K. Doss - D. Spiggle 28 35
High Set, J. Paulette, 371.
High Game, G. Wood, 141.

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

Flintstones	41	19
Rollingstones	39	21
Alley cats	19	38
Unknowns	18	39

High Set, Carolyn Mayberry, 324. High Game, C. Mayberry, 121.

FARM AUCTION SET APRIL 3

George's Auction Service, Appomattox, has announced a sale of farm machinery, tools and farm supplies, livestock and household items at the home of

Attend Swine Workshop

This is a portion of the swine producers attending the Swine Workshop, Barry Bingham, second from the right, discussed low-cost farrowing facilities.

JANATKA INCLUDED IN 'TRANSGAS' FEATURE ARTICLE

R. G. Janatka, for twenty-one years a station clerk at Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation Compressor Station 170, Appomattox, is among those retiring personnel featured in the Jan.-Feb. issue of the company magazine, "Transgas".

Mr. Janatka retired effective Jan. 1, 1971. His magazine biography includes the information that he is "a native of Czechoslovakia. Mr. Janatka finished high school in Carlsbad, attended the University of Prague and finished the Czech Commercial Academy, majoring in business administration.

"He came to the United States in 1936," continues the article, "while working for Kaolin, Inc. (refiners and miners of china clay), at Spruce, N.C. Janatka served in the U. S. Navy from 1944-45 as a pharmacist's mate and worked in real estate in Appomattox after receiving his discharge.

"Janatka's plans include spending the winter in Florida and traveling to Europe in the spring. He will continue to reside in Appomattox -- working, reading and painting."

"Transgas", in the Jan.-Feb. issue, is commemorating the company's twentieth anniversary of operations with full color cover and photos on a special section.

ANTIQUE SHOW

A patrons preview reception which is open to the public by purchasing a special advanced show ticket will highlight the opening of the 1971 Antiques Show and Sale sponsored by The Woman's Auxiliary to the Richmond Academy of Medicine on Tuesday, March 9 at 8 p.m. The Show will be held in the lobby and mezzanine areas of Hotel Jefferson.

Tickets may be purchased for the preview night and guest lecturer by writing to P. O. Box 90-89, Richmond, Va. 23225. General admission tickets for Show days will be available at the door.

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Cake Mixes DUFF'S - 10¢
YELLOW, DEVIL'S FOOD, GINGER BREAD, FUDGE BROWNIE
Frosting Mix BOX White & Fudge
PILLSBURY 10 Count Biscuits Hungry Jack Butter Milk 5 CANS $1.00
J F G - 10 OZ. JAR Instant Coffee $1.39
ScotTowels White & Decorated Colors BIG ROLL 39¢
DR. PEPPER 8 16 OZ. BOTTLES Plus Deposit 59¢
JOY Dishwashing Liquid 32 Oz. Qt. Plastic Bottle 69¢
BUNKER HILL - GRAVY & BEEF CHUNKS 15 OZ CAN 69¢
WIZZARD - Aerosol Can AIR Freshner Lilac, Tall Timber, Bath Room, Spring Bouquet Evergreen - 9 oz. Can 49¢
JFG Peanut Butter 2 LB. JAR 89¢
Merita Bread Old Fashion & Thin Sliced 1 LB. 4 OZ. LOAF 3 FOR 89¢
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